

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in a Regular Session this January 12, 2009 in the Meeting Room at the Anamosa Library at 6:00 p.m. with Bill Feldmann, Danny Young, Brian Harmon, and Brady Reynolds present. Absent: Tom Swisher. Mayor Jon Hatcher presided. Also present were Patrick Callahan, City Administrator, Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director; Matt Menard, Police Chief. Guests Present: Larry Hansen and Mike Dearborn. Mayor Jon Hatcher called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

#### **Council Minutes**

Motion by Hansen, second by Reynolds to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2008 Regular Council meeting with correction. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

##### **Public Forum Regarding the Preparation of the F.Y. 2009-10 City Budget**

Mayor Hatcher opened the public forum regarding the preparation of the F.Y. 2009-10 City Budget at 6:05 p.m.

Pat Callahan stated that no written comments had been received.  
No other comments were offered by the public present at the public hearing.

Motion by Harmon, second by Feldmann to close the public forum at 6:06 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **COMMUNITY BETTERMENT**

##### **Ordinance Vacating 24 Foot Alley Running North and South on Block 2 of Scott and Skinner's Addition to the City of Anamosa**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve the **second reading of Ordinance 840** vacating 24-foot alley running north-south in Block 2 of Scott & Skinner's Addition to the City of Anamosa, Iowa and conveying the west half thereof to Jerry and Denise Koppenhaver. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Swisher. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Hansen to approve the **waiver of the third reading of Ordinance 840** vacating 24-foot alley running north-south in Block 2 of Scott & Skinner's Addition to the City of Anamosa, Iowa and conveying the west half thereof to Jerry and Denise Koppenhaver. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Swisher. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

##### **Ordinance Amending Section 116.03 of the City Code Adding a New Subsection Regarding the Opening and Closing of Graves**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve the **second reading of Ordinance 841** amending Chapter 116 – Cemetery of the City Code regarding the opening and closing of graves in Riverside Cemetery. Roll Vote. 1-absent, Swisher. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Harmon to approve the **waiver of the third reading of Ordinance 841** amending Chapter 116 – Cemetery of the City Code regarding the opening and closing of graves in Riverside Cemetery. Roll Vote. 1-absent, Swisher. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

##### **Ordinance Amending Chapter 69 of the City Code Designating a Stop Intersection on Circle Drive**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve the **second reading of Ordinance 842** amending the City Code of Ordances of the City of Anamosa adding stop intersections. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Swisher. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Harmon, second by Hansen to approve the **waiver of the third reading of Ordinance 842** amending the City Code of Ordances of the City of Anamosa adding stop intersections. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Swisher. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

##### **Parking in Downtown District Side Streets**

Pat stated that Larry is asking the Council to consider enacting 2-hour parking on the side streets in the Downtown District in Anamosa. Discussion followed. Larry clarified that he is asking the Council to

consider restricting parking between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on the side streets in the Downtown District. More discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Hansen directing the City Administrator to prepare an ordinance designating no parking in approximately the first 100 block on the side streets in the Downtown District in Anamosa from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**No Parking Zones on One Side of Streets – Kaitlynn Ave, Meadow Ridge, Breca Ridge and Theresa Ave**

Pat stated that the City had problems this year with the drifting of snow on Kaitlynn Ave, Meadow Ridge and Breca Ridge. He also stated that Theresa Avenue is a very narrow street and it might be beneficial to designate one side of these streets as no parking. Discussion followed. Pat suggested posting notices on the Local Access Channel and an article in the newspaper making residents aware of the proposed no parking ordinance.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young directing the City Administrator to draft an ordinance on the proposed no parking on one side of Kaitlynn Avenue, Meadow Ridge, and Breca Ridge from April 1st through November 1st of each year and also permanently designate no parking on side of Theresa Avenue. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**One-Way Streets on First and Second Streets**

Pat stated that this proposal of making First and Second Streets opposite one-way streets was discussed in 2006 and it was listed again on the Strategic Planning Results. There was some discussion on the stop signs on Second Street as it would relate to implementing one-way traffic on that street. More discussion followed on the possibility of making one side of First Street no parking from November 1st to April 1st.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young directing the City Administrator to draft an ordinance making the south side of First Street no parking from November 1st to April 1st each year. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Vacant Police Officer Position**

Pat stated that Brady Reynolds had asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. Brady suggested that this position not be filled until the Council new better where the budget stands for next fiscal year. He stated that it would be easier to not fill a vacant position, then to have to reduce employees or their hours later in the budget process. Discussion followed. Pat suggested that as Matt will not have a potential hire ready for Council approval for four weeks and that the Council has their first budget meeting in three weeks to review preliminary numbers; the Council could make that decision later.

**Public Hearing on Rezoning Request for 303 South Davis from R-1 to R-2 by D&E Rentals**

Mayor Hatcher opened the public hearing regarding the rezoning request for 303 South Davis from R-1 to R-2 made by D&E Rentals at 6:59 p.m.

Mike Dearborn addressed the Council stating that he is requesting that the Council approve his rezoning request for 303 S. Davis Street. He stated that he felt this zoning change would not affect the neighboring property owner's property value.

Larry Hansen, 307 S. Davis stated that this did not meet the front and side yard set back requirements, as stated in the Anamosa Code of Ordinances. He also said that the Zoning District lines of R-1 and R-2 are set and straight and should stay that way. Larry stated that the sewer line on that street is not in very good shape. More discussion between Larry Hansen and Mike Dearborn followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to close the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Ordinance Amending Zoning District Map to Rezone the Property at 303 South Davis Street from R-1 Single Family District to R-2 Multiple Family District**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to concur with the recommendation made by the Planning & Zoning Commission and deny this rezoning request. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Swisher. 1-Nay, Reynolds. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS****Installation of Plastic Media for the Trickling Filter – WWTP**

Pat stated that Dave Stoklasa is still negotiating the price of the plastic media for the WWTP Trickling Filter. Larry Driscoll stated that the Council should not hold up on this change order, as it may delay the project on the back side.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Hansen to direct Snyder & Associates to prepare the need change order for the plastic media with the negotiated price from the manufacturer. All Ayes. Carried.

**IIW's Report on the Dillon Pedestrian Bridge**

Pat asked if the Council had any questions on the report provided by IIW on the Dillon Pedestrian Bridge. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to authorize the City Administrator to submit this project to FEMA, the County and to Snyder & Associates for their consideration. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Purchase of Salt for Snow Removal for this Winter Season**

Pat wanted to let the Council know that the City would be paying a lot more for salt for the rest of this winter season. Discussion followed.

**Report on WWTP Belt Press Building**

Pat reviewed the report from Larry Driscoll on the WWTP Belt Press Building and the associated problems with the overhead door and the pipes freezing. Pat stated that Larry has contacted both Staab Construction and Howard R Green Company with these issues. Pat will be following up with a letter to both the contactor and the engineer, but he felt that this might be an issue to be handled by the engineer, Howard R. Green Company.

**Right Turn Lane on Highway 64 for the New Hospital**

Pat reviewed the letter from Snyder & Associates recommending a taper rather than a right turn lane on Highway 64, as the traffic study was completed under the assumption that the High School would be located on this highway also. Pat stated that this letter from Snyder's should be shared with the Hospital and the IDOT.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to forward Snyder's recommendations to both the IDOT and the Hospital for comments. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Lease of Norlin Quarry**

Discussion was held on the proposed 2009 renewal of the Norlin Quarry Lease and the increase in the annual lease amount.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve the lease agreement for the Norllin Quarry for 2009 and ask to pay for only six months at a time. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**FINANCE****Selection of Cash Bond or Faithful Performance Bonds for Street Projects in Meadow Ridge 8th Addition**

Pat reviewed memo from City Attorney, Adrian Knuth regarding the legality of a cash bond over faithful performance bonds for street projects. Discussion followed. Pat will follow up with the City Administrator in Marion to share Anamosa's City Attorney's recommendation on this and what Marion's City Attorney's response is.

**Capital Improvement Plan**

Pat handed out the list of Capital Projects and asked the Council to rank these projects and return them to him by the January 26th Council meeting. Larry Driscoll asked if the Department Heads were going to have any input in the chosen Capital Projects for their own departments. Pat stated that the Dept. Heads could review and add to the lists if needed.

**Resolution of Funding for the Senior Dining Program**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to approve **Resolution 2009-01** appropriating fund to outside agencies for Fiscal Year 2008-09 (Senior Dining Program- to be funded with Council Contingency). Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Swisher. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Amending Fees and Charges for Lawrence Community Center**

Pat reviewed recommendations from Park & Rec Board on increase of rental fees for the Lawrence Community Center Meeting room and Gym.

Motion by Hansen, second by Feldmann to approve the increase in rental fees for the Lawrence Community Center meeting room and gym, making the fees retroactive to September 3, 2008. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**FY 2009-10 City Budget**

Pat stated the City Budget meeting for Fiscal Year 2009-10 is scheduled for February 2, 2009.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Report on Zoning Ordinance Updates**

Pat stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission will be meeting on the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes on January 22, 2009.

**Goal Setting Session**

Pat stated that the Goal Setting report will be on the next agenda.

**Downtown Strategic Planning Report from 2002**

Pat asked the Council if they needed or wanted further action taken on the Downtown Strategic Planning Report from 2002. No specific suggestions were offered, except to make the report available to the Chamber and other local organizations.

**Rental Rate for North Side of City Hall Building**

Pat stated that he did contact the School Superintendent with the proposed rental rate for the north side of City Hall. The School Board will be looking at this option along with several others.

**Joint Meeting with City, School and County**

Pat asked if the Council had any changes or corrections to the proposed agenda for the joint meeting with the City, School and County. None were offered.

**Demolition of Buildings**

Pat stated that both sites had 95% of the demolition project completed, but the remaining work would be completed after the weather warms up.

**Iowa League of Cities Request on Alternative Revenue Sources**

Pat stated that the Iowa League of Cities is asking for a letter of support from the City for alternative revenue sources. The Council voiced no opposition to Pat drafting and sending the letter of support.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment**

No potential candidates were identified by the Council

**Adjournment**

Motion by Young, second by Harmon to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Jon Hatcher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy Coons, City Clerk